

## CLAIMS

- 1 1. A method for controlling calls in a telecommunication system comprising the  
2 steps of:
  - 3 defining a first switching model in which call control signaling and media  
4 switching are effectively coupled;
  - 5 defining a second switching model in which call control signaling and media  
6 switching are effectively decoupled; and
  - 7 at the initiation of a call or during the progress of the call assigning one of said  
8 first and second switching models to said call.